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The Pampered Chef® SWE Hartford Scholarship Fundraiser

Date: Thursday, August 23, 2007

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Suzanne's Home

RSVP: To Suzanne (suzanne.woll@hs.utc.com)

Join us for a FUN fundraiser to support the SWE Hartford scholarship. Learn quick and easy recipes for keeping it cool for summertime at a fun social event. A percentage of the sales will be donated in lieu of host benefits to support the SWE Hartford scholarship. **Check out the details in the "Upcoming SWE Hartford Events" section of this newsletter.**

SWE Hartford Open House & Networking Night

Date: Thursday, September 20, 2007

Time: Beginning at 6:30PM

Place: Dakota Steakhouse, Rocky Hill

Join us for this casual and fun evening of hors d'oeuvres, dessert, raffles and a few other surprises! There's something for everyone! **Check out the details in the "Upcoming SWE Hartford Events" section of this newsletter.**

A SWEet Gathering

Date: Tuesday, October 2, 2007

Time: Beginning at 6:30PM

Place: Cosi, West Hartford (www.getcosi.com)



Save-The-Date FY08

August 23	SWE Hartford Scholarship Fundraiser
September 20	SWE Hartford Open House & Networking Night
October 2	A SWEet Gathering
October 14	Making Strides Against Breast Cancer
October 25-27	SWE National Conference 2007, Nashville, TN
October 31	SWE Hartford\ALSTOM College Scholarship Application Deadline

Stay tuned for more FY08 SWE Hartford events!

If you are interested in helping coordinate an event, please contact Liz (elizabeth.garypie@swe.org) or Michelle (michelle.montepara@swe.org).

LAST MONTH'S EVENTS...

SWE Hartford FY08 Planning Meeting

Thursday, August 9, 2007

Macaroni Grill, West Hartford

Ten SWE Hartford members and friends gathered at Macaroni Grill in West Hartford on Thursday, August 9, for the annual planning meeting. The existing committee chairs gave reports and new committee chairs were recruited for some of our open positions. Please welcome our newest committee chairs for FY08:

Scholarship Chair	Suzanne Woll
Professional Development Chair	Natasha Butler
Newsletter Editor	Ashley Phillips
Webmaster	Ashley Phillips

Those present reviewed the SWE Hartford FY08 Member Survey results and have come up with some exciting events for FY08 that should be of interest to all our members. Highlights include:

- A SWE Hartford Open House
- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer
- Social Gatherings
- Professional Development Seminars
- Networking Events
- Collegiate Outreach
- Joint SWE \ SHPE \ NSBE Outreach Events
- Technical Tours
- Work \ Life Balance Events
- Women's Health Topics

As always, we are still looking for volunteers to help plan and execute our events. We have an immediate need for an FY08 Outreach Chair (K-12 and Collegiate), Awards Chair and Marketing\Fundraising Chair. If you, or someone you know, might be interested, contact Liz (elizabeth.garypie@swe.org) for more information. Please consider donating your time to SWE Hartford in FY08.

Meeting minutes, including the survey results and the FY08 tentative event calendar will soon be available on the SWE Hartford website at: www.swe.org/regionF/sections/hartford/newsletters.shtml. Stay tuned to the website and your email for more information about upcoming events. The SWE Hartford Executive Board encourages everyone to get involved and help make SWE Hartford a dynamic organization in FY08.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming FY08 events!

Would you like to host a SWE Hartford meeting?

We have great events planned for FY08, but now we need places to hold them!

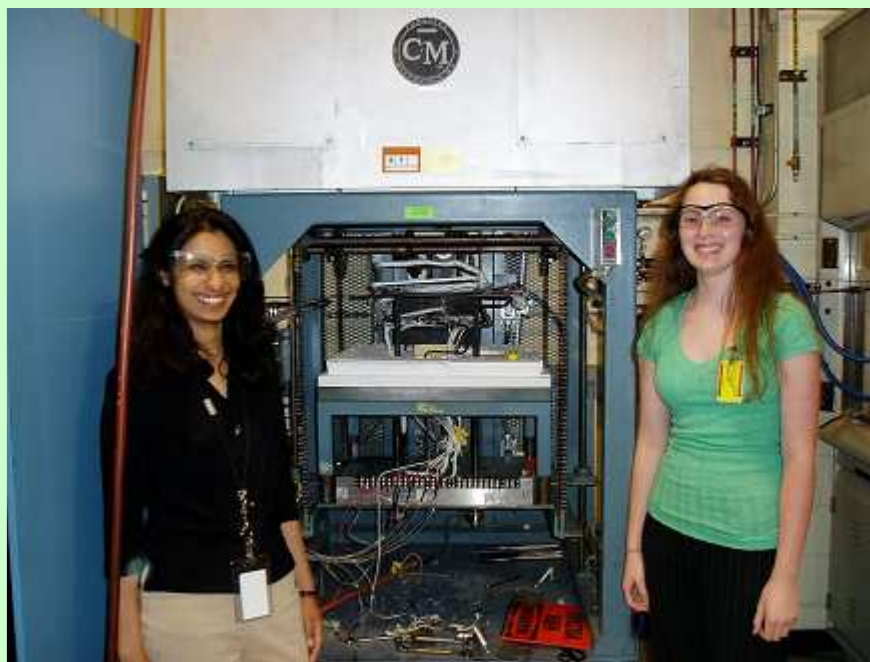
All you need is a conference room that holds 15 people from 6:30-8:30 pm. It's a great way to get company exposure. If you are interested, contact Liz (elizabeth.garypie@swe.org) or Michelle (michelle.montepara@swe.org).

SWE Hartford \ ALSTOM Scholarship Recipient Job Shadow

Submitted by: Suzanne Woll

The 2007 SWE Hartford\ALSTOM Scholarship recipient, Katie Czaja, recently had a job shadow at the United Technologies Research Center. She visited with four women chemists and chemical engineers. Here is Katie's description of the experience:

"I enjoyed my entire job shadowing experience at UTRC. What I liked best about the job shadowing experience was seeing the research aspect of a chemical engineer, as well as other engineers and scientists. I liked how the work they did was not typical of chemical engineers, as they told me. All of the jobs at UTRC seemed fun and interesting, especially with the changing projects that they have. I think it would be a really fun experience and career to be able to work on technologies and really have an impact on the world. Each of their projects directly corresponded to something very important in the world today. It must be a cool experience to be able to look at something and think, "I developed that process." The technology that surprised me most was the fire suppressant foam that Ms. Tulyani was working on. I had no idea that they used foam in this manner. The experience at UTRC helped make me sure that I wanted to be a chemical engineer. Thanks again for all the help arranging this experience for me!"



Katie Czaja (right) during her UTRC Job Shadow

Do you know of other local high school students who would be interested in learning more about engineering or participating in a job shadow? If so, make sure they check out the SWE Hartford Career Guidance page at www.swe.org/RegionF/sections/hartford/career.shtml and contact the SWE Hartford Outreach Chair for more information or to arrange a job shadow.

UPCOMING SWE HARTFORD EVENTS...

You are cordially invited to a...



SWE Hartford Open House & Networking Night

Join us for this exciting evening of hors d'oeuvres, dessert, raffles and a few other surprises! Come meet the new executive board members and see what SWE Hartford has in store for FY08.

There's something for everyone:

Already a Member? Meet your fellow SWE Hartford members and network with other local professionals. Find out what events are planned for FY08 and how you can be more involved. Bring a co-worker or friend and introduce them to SWE!

Recent College Graduate? Find out about transitioning to and the benefits of SWE professional membership. Learn how you can get more involved with your local SWE section!

Collegiate Member? Discover how SWE Hartford can partner with your collegiate section, and how the professional section can enhance your SWE experience!

Not yet a Member? Network with other local professionals and find out how SWE Hartford and its resources can help your career or business. Learn about the benefits of SWE membership!

Member of Another Professional Society? See how your professional section can team with SWE Hartford to host exciting and dynamic events!

From a Local Business, School or Community Organization? Find out how you can support SWE Hartford and help advance its mission to promote women in engineering!

Thursday, September 20, 2007

Beginning at 6:30PM

Dakota Steakhouse, Rocky Hill (www.dakotarockyhill.com)

Cost: \$25 SWE Members, \$30 Non-Members / Cash Bar

To register, email Liz (elizabeth.garypie@swe.org) by September 14.

The Pampered Chef® SWE Hartford Scholarship Fundraiser

Thursday, August 23, 2007 at 7:00 PM

Suzanne's Home

Don't forget! There's a Pampered Chef party on August 23rd at 7:00 PM at Suzanne's house. Come see what's new in the world of cooking equipment and socialize with your fellow SWE members. Spread the news to family and coworkers. The more we buy, the bigger the donation to the SWE Hartford Scholarship Fund. RSVP if you can by email to Suzanne (suzanne.woll@hs.utc.com). If you forget, just come anyway! If you or someone you know would like to shop online, go to www.pamperedchef.biz/Ruthchef1. On your order, mention the Woll party. Products will come to Suzanne and she will deliver them to you (in Connecticut or MA).

A SWEet Gathering

Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at 6:30 PM

Cosi, 970 Farmington Ave., West Hartford (www.getcosi.com)

Join SWE Hartford for this casual get together to catch up with friends and make some new ones! SWE will provide the “sweets,” the only cost to you is your beverage of choice. Mingle with other SWE members, brainstorm about upcoming events, discuss your career, family, etc. Just come, relax and have fun!

This is the first of what we hope will be a series of informal social events during FY08. If you have ideas for other locations or would like to host a gathering, contact Liz (elizabeth.garypie@swe.org).

SWE Hartford\ALSTOM FYo8 Collegiate Scholarship

**CALLING ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS
(COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31, 2007)**

On behalf of ALSTOM Power, SWE Hartford is offering a \$1000 scholarship for college students who are interested in the science and engineering fields. For more information regarding scholarship eligibility requirements, ALSTOM Power, SWE Hartford and for a copy of the scholarship application please visit the following website:

<http://www.swe.org/RegionF/sections/hartford/SWEALSTOM2.shtml>

We look forward to reviewing your applications.

Don't Forget...

If you want to get more involved in SWE Hartford we still need enthusiastic members to chair our other open committees and organize events. Check out the openings listed on page 8 of this newsletter and also on our website!

LOCAL EVENTS...

SWE Hartford Team –Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

Sunday, October 14, 2007

Bushnell Park, 99 Trinity Street, Hartford

Registration: 9AM, Walk Begins: 10AM

SWE Hartford will be participating in the October 14th, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event in downtown Hartford. This is the American Cancer Society's 3-mile walk to raise awareness and money to defeat breast cancer. Join us in an effort to help fight this disease that more than 178,000 women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with this year. We encourage you to join the SWE Hartford team or make a contribution to support the fight against breast cancer. Visit the team website at:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/MakingStridesAgainstBreastCancer/MSABCFY08NewEngland?pg=team&fr_id=3512&team_id=138200

The Connecticut Forum's "The Tech Revolution – Geeks & Visionaries Plug Us In"

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

8:00 PM

The Bushnell Theater, Hartford

We are experiencing the greatest period of innovation and change since the discovery of fire. The user revolution in technology is changing everything; the workplace, communication, relationships, entertainment, our sense of community and our view of the world. Find the future now with our visionary panel:

- Craig Newmark, founder of Craigslist
- Jimmy Wales, founder of Wikipedia
- Danah Boyd, expert on Online Social Media
- Jonathan Zittrain, Technologist, Oxford Professor & Lawyer

Tickets range from \$25 to \$55, and discounts are available for UTC Employees. Visit the CT Forum website at http://www.ctforum.org/events/events.asp?event_id=110 for more information and to purchase tickets online.

About the CT Forum:

The Connecticut Forum, founded in 1992, is a cool, rare and impactful nonprofit organization serving the Greater Hartford Region and beyond with live, issue-driven panel discussions among renowned experts and celebrities. Forums, held four times each year, have featured panelists Walter Cronkite, Toni Morrison, Gene Wilder, Bill Moyers, Howard Dean, Beverly Sills, Alec Baldwin and over 250 others to audiences of 2,800 in Bushnell Theater, Hartford. The Forum Family enjoys the support of over 300 volunteers.

REGION F NEWS...

There is no Region F news this month. Stay tuned!

SWE NATIONAL NEWS...

WE07 National Conference Registration Now Open

October 25-27, 2007

Nashville, Tennessee

It's where we all come together: to share, to network, to learn, and to get ahead. It's WE07, the Society of Women Engineers National Conference. Join us this October in Nashville for the largest and most comprehensive career advancement and professional development event for women engineers. This year's theme is "Women In Tune With Technology." Be inspired while having fun. SWE 2007 networking and recognition events bring savvy technical women together in a variety of environments. Only the SWE conference lets you hear the motivational words of our keynote speaker or award recipients, learn about career opportunities from top employers, and network with other women engineers and technologists all in one three day event.

Registration is now open at www.swe07.org, and the full conference schedule is now available!

SWE Hartford Members - Please let Liz (elizabeth.garypie@swe.org) know if you are planning to attend the conference. Thanks!

SWE HARTFORD MEMBER NEWS...

A New Arrival!

Congratulations to SWE Hartford member Jonna Gerken and her husband Mike on the arrival of the newest member of the Gerken family!

Zachary Harris Gerken
Thursday, August 2, 2007
2:37AM
7lbs, 7oz

Congratulations to...

SWE Hartford Certificate of Merit Chair Claudette Hickey, who was recently named Distinguished Engineer at IBM

- AND -

SWE Hartford President Liz Garypie, who was recently selected as the new USAF/IAF Program Manager at Sikorsky Aircraft.

Coming Soon – SWE Polos!

This fall, SWE Hartford will be selling SWE women's polo shirts to raise funds for SWE Hartford and our annual scholarship. This is a great way to show your pride in SWE! The shirts will be navy blue and have the SWE gear logo embroidered along with the words "Society of Women Engineers."

Shirts will be available for \$22, and come in sizes small through 2XL.

	Small	Medium	Large	X-Large	2X-Large
USA Sizes	6 to 8	10 to 12	14 to 16	18 to 20	20
Bust	34-35	36-38	39-41	42-44	45-47



Reserve yours today! Email Liz (elizabeth.garypie@swe.org) your name and size.

VOLUNTEER!

Section Bylaws Update

The National and Region bylaws have been updated, and now is the time to update the **Hartford Section bylaws**. We are looking for SWE Hartford members who would like to assist in revising this document and bringing it to the section for a review and vote. Contact Michelle (michelle.montepara@swe.org) if you are interested in gaining an inside look at how we operate!



OPEN FY08 COMMITTEE CHAIRS!

We need FY08 committee chairs to round out our SWE Hartford Executive Council for next year. Openings include:

- **Career Guidance\Outreach Chair** (K-12 and Collegiate)
- **Awards Chair**
- **Marketing \ Fundraising Chair**

If you are interested in any of these positions or want more information, please contact Liz (elizabeth.garypie@swe.org) or any of the other FY08 officers.

Calling All Articles!

The SWE Hartford News is always looking for new and interesting material for its pages. If you have something you think would be of interest to the membership or would like to see included, email Ashley (ashley.phillips@pw.utc.com). Information for the next monthly newsletter must be received by the 28th of the previous month.

We Still Have...Open Section Positions!!

Have you wondered why you should be involved in SWE? We need a **Coordinator to lead the generation of a list of SWE local Section Job Descriptions** and the corresponding Skills Competencies gained. The list will be used to highlight the benefits of involvement and will be posted on our website. The purpose is to market the personal development benefits to members and companies. Other members are willing to help.

Are you blessed with the gift of gab? We need SWE members interested in **hosting Round Table meetings** at their facilities. Arrange a place to meet such as your cafeteria. Tell your colleagues about SWE while having lunch and sharing your experiences.

Immediate Need for UCONN and Trinity Student Section Counselors. Counselors need to contact SWE chapter officers and offer help. Maybe it's a trip to join one of their meetings and talk to the students about your job. Maybe it's information about how to participate in one of our meetings. Maybe it's giving them ideas about how to increase membership. The Section membership is your resource so you are not alone if you need help too.

Interested in speaking at a local school? Or just coordinating speakers? Become our **Speakers Bureau Coordinator**. You can shape this commitment to be as little or as much as you'd like it to be.

If you are interested in any of the positions listed above, please contact Liz (elizabeth.garypie@swe.org) or Michelle (michelle.montepara@swe.org).

LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

As a service to our members, job opportunities and advertisements from local companies are included below. If you are interested in any of the opportunities listed, please contact the individual company directly via the POC listed. If you would like to advertise your company or job opportunity here, please refer to the SWE Hartford website (www.swe.org/RegionF/sections/hartford) for the advertising policy and procedures. Thank you!

Coming Soon!

Do you have a professional organization you belong to that you think would be of interest to other SWE Hartford members? Please let Ashley (ashley.phillips@pw.utc.com) know and we'll include it next month.

Don't Forget the SWE Hartford Website...

www.swe.org/RegionF/sections/hartford

Always remember to check out the SWE Hartford website for up to date information on all SWE Hartford news and events. Recently updated on the website are: FY08 Volunteer Opportunities & Open Committee Chairs, the 2007 SWE Hartford \ ALSTOM College Scholarship and pictures and descriptions of past events. Let your SWE Hartford website work for you – contact Ashley (ashley.phillips@pw.utc.com) with suggestions!



THIS SPACE FOR RENT...

SWE Hartford wants to hear from you! Have you recently...

- Received a promotion?
- Moved to a new and exciting position?
- Completed a great project?
- Attended an interesting lecture, seminar or conference?
- Read a good article or book?
- Added a new member to your family?

Let us know!

We want to publicize the accomplishments of our members. Send a note to Ashley (ashley.phillips@pw.utc.com) with your news and we'll take it from there!



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